



Guadalupe residents sit outside a polling station, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, in Guadalupe, Ariz.
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Election 2022: Turbulent campaign season comes to a close

By WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A tumultuous election season that tugged again at America's searing political divides and raised questions about its commitment to a democratic future comes to a close on Tuesday with top races around the country that will provide a key test of Joe Biden's presidency.

Democrats feared their grip on the U.S. House may be slipping and that their control of the U.S. Senate — once seen as more secure — may loosen.

The party's governors in places like Wisconsin, Michigan and Nevada are also staring down serious Re-

publican challengers.

Even Biden, who planned to watch the evening's election returns at the White House, said late Monday night that he thought his party would keep the Senate but "the House is tougher."

Asked how that would make governing, his assessment was stark: "More difficult."

All House seats were up for grabs as were 34 Senate seats — with cliffhangers especially likely in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Arizona. Thirty-six states are electing governors, with many of those races also poised to come down to the slimmest of margins.

The election could have

a profound impact on Biden's next two years. Republican control of even one chamber of Congress would leave the president vulnerable to numerous investigations into his family and administration while defending his policy accomplishments, including sweeping infrastructure legislation along with a major health care and social spending package.

An emboldened GOP could also make it harder to raise the debt ceiling and add restrictions to additional support for Ukraine in the war with Russia.

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Poll worker Alany Gonzalez sets up another voting booth in front of dryers at the Su Nueva Lavanderia near Chicago's Midway Airport Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, in Chicago.

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Republicans are betting that messaging focused on the economy, gas prices and crime will resonate with voters at a time of soaring inflation and rising violence. Ultimately, they're confident that outrage stemming from the Supreme Court's decision to eliminate a woman's constitutional right to an abortion has faded and that the midterms have become a more traditional assessment of the president's performance.

"It will be a referendum on the incompetence of this administration," Minnesota Republican Rep. Tom Emmer, who's running the GOP effort to retake the House, said of the election. Few major voting problems were reported, though there were hiccups typical of most Election Days. Some tabulators were not working in a New Jersey county. In Philadelphia, where Democrats are counting on strong turnout, people complained about being turned away as they

showed up in person to try and fix problems with their previously cast mail-in ballots. But officials said there was still time to reconcile those issues.

In Maricopa County, Arizona, which encompasses Phoenix and is the state's largest, officials reported problems with vote-tabulation machines in about 20% of voting places. There were few instances of long lines but the incident fueled anger and skepticism about voting that has been growing among some Republicans since the state went narrowly for Biden in 2020.

"They may be trying to slow a red tsunami," said Kari Lake, the state's Republican governor candidate, "but it's coming."

If the GOP has an especially strong election, winning Democrat-held congressional seats in places like New Hampshire or Washington state, pressure could build for Biden to opt against reelection in 2024. Former President Donald Trump, meanwhile, may try to capitalize on GOP gains by

formally launching another bid for the White House during a "very big announcement" in Florida next week. Voting in Palm Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, Trump predicted that Republicans would have "a great night" on Tuesday and that the upcoming event "would be very exciting for a lot of people." The former president has endorsed more than 300 candidates in the midterm cycle and said he voted for Republican Ron DeSantis, who is seeking his second term as Florida's governor. DeSantis is viewed as a potential leading GOP primary alternative to Trump should he jump into the 2024 White House race, as is widely expected. The midterms arrive as the U.S. is emerging from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic only to confront sharp economic challenges. The Supreme Court stripped away the constitutional right to an abortion, eliminating protections that had been in place for five decades.

"People recognize that this fundamental freedom

has been taken away," said Alexis McGill Johnson, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

"They see this is an economic issue, a health care issue, a freedom issue," McGill Johnson added. "And they're enraged."

It's also the first national election since the Jan. 6 insurrection, meaning the country's very democratic future is in question. Some who participated in — or were in the vicinity of — the deadly attack are poised to win Tuesday, including House seats. Lake, the Arizona gubernatorial candidate, and GOP hopefuls for secretary of state in her state and places like Nevada and Michigan have refused to accept the results of the 2020 presidential election.

That could leave them overseeing future elections in states that are often pivotal in presidential contests. With only rare exceptions, the president's party loses seats in his first midterm. And Biden's lagging approval left many Demo-

crats in competitive races reluctant to campaign with him. Only 43% of U.S. adults said they approved of how Biden is handling his job as president, according to an October poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Just 25% said then that the country is headed in the right direction.

Still, Biden's allies have expressed hope that voters will reject Republicans who have contributed to an extreme political environment.

Kevin Tolbert, a 49-year-old who works in labor law and lives in Southfield, Michigan, said, "It is something that has to be protected and we protect that by voting and being out and supporting our country."

"It's a fragile space that we're in. I think it's really important that we protect it, because we could end up like some of the things we saw in the past — dictators and such," Tolbert said. "We don't need that."

Michael Dupigny, 83, of Washington, wasn't expecting issues, but went to cast his ballot in person, saying he wanted "to see what's happening, with the machines, with the people, to see that everything is working well at the voting station."

Federal and state election officials — and Trump's own attorney general — have said there is no credible evidence the 2020 election was tainted. His allegations of fraud were also roundly rejected by courts, including by judges Trump appointed. But political divisions that have smoldered for two years weren't on display everywhere on Tuesday.

Barbara Brown, 76, voted Tuesday in Chestertown, Maryland, east of the state capital of Annapolis, and said she saw Republican and Democratic candidates standing together, holding their campaign signs, "laughing and talking. I was blown away."

Brown noted that it was local candidates showing political civility, "But we'll take what we can get." □

Pelosi says attack on husband weighs on her future plans

By **LISA MASCARO** AP Congressional Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) —

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday the brutal attack on her husband will impact her decision on whether to remain in Congress after the midterm election, as she called on Republicans to stop the misinformation that is fueling political violence and urged Americans to "vote to defend our democracy." In a wide-ranging CNN interview, the Democratic leader did not disclose her future plans if the party loses the House majority, as many believe Pelosi and others will step down. Known for her stiff resolve, Pelosi's voice cracked with emotion and she acknowledged she was "close to tears" as she described the trauma of the attack on her 82-year-old husband and the sadness she felt for the country.

"I'm sad because of my husband, but I'm also sad for our country," Pelosi said. "I just want people to vote and we will respect the outcome of the election, and I would hope that the other side would do that as well," she said.

Pelosi was speaking for the first time publicly on the eve of elections as the Democrats are struggling against a surge of Republican enthusiasm to keep control of Congress at a time of rising threats of violence against lawmakers and concerns over the U.S. election.

Asked whether she had made a decision on whether or not to remain in Congress, Pelosi who rarely publicly discussed her future would only disclose that the attack on her husband had impacted her thinking. "I have to say my decision will be affected about what happened in the last week or two," Pelosi said on CNN.

Top Republican leaders including allies of Donald Trump and even new Twitter-owner Elon Musk have mocked and downplayed the attack, despite the gravity of the assault on her husband.

Pelosi's husband, Paul, was

bludgeoned 11 days before the election by an intruder authorities said broke into the family's San Francisco and was looking for the speaker before striking him in the head with a hammer at least once. The intruder told police he wanted to talk to Speaker Pelosi and would "break her kneecaps" as a lesson to other Democrats. Paul Pelosi suffered a fractured skull and other injuries in what authorities said was an intentional political attack. "For me this is the hard part because Paul was not the target, and he's the one paying the price," Pelosi said.

Pelosi said the hammer hit her husband in two places, but did not pierce his brain. Pelosi said his recovery was "on a good path" but she acknowledged "it's a long haul."

Long a target of Republican attacks, Pelosi said the assault on her husband of nearly 60 years, with its echoes of the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection at the Capitol, was fueled by misinformation "that has no place in our democracy."

Pelosi said she was sleeping at her apartment in Washington, having just returned from San Francisco, when there was a "bang, bang, bang, bang, bang," on her door. It was about 5 a.m. on the morning of Oct. 28. David DePape, 42, is being held without bail in San Francisco after entering a not guilty plea to attempted murder and other charges in San Francisco. He also faces federal charges of attempted kidnapping of an elected official.

The fringe activist who followed conspiracy theories broke into the Pelosi home, woke up Paul Pelosi and demanded to talk to "Nancy," authorities said. When Paul Pelosi told the intruder his wife was out of town, DePape said he would wait. After Paul Pelosi called 911, officers arrived to see the two men struggling over a hammer before DePape struck Paul Pelosi at least once in the head with the hammer. □



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, middle, is escorted to a vehicle outside of her and husband Paul Pelosi's home in San Francisco, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022.

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Voters in 5 states decide whether to legalize marijuana

By **ANDREW DeMILLO** Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) —

Voters in five states are deciding on Election Day whether to approve recreational marijuana, a move that could signal a major shift toward legalization in even the most conservative parts of the country.

The proposals are on the ballot in Arkansas, Maryland, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota and follow moves by President Joe Biden toward decriminalizing marijuana. Biden last month announced he was pardoning thousands of Americans convicted of simple possession of marijuana under federal law.

Advocates of the marijuana initiatives have said Biden's announcement may give a boost to their efforts.

Recreational marijuana is legal in 19 states, and polls have shown opposition to legalization softening. All of the states with recreational marijuana on the ballot, ex-



A demonstrator waves a flag with marijuana leaves depicted on it during a protest calling for the legalization of marijuana, outside of the White House on April 2, 2016, in Washington. Voters in five states are deciding on Election Day whether to approve recreational marijuana. The proposals going before voters in Arkansas, Maryland, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota on Tuesday could signal a major shift toward legalization in even the most conservative parts of the country.

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cept for Maryland, voted for Trump in the 2020 presidential election.

The five states also currently have legal medical marijuana programs. That includes Arkansas, which in 2016 became the first

Bible Belt state to approve medical marijuana. The state's dispensaries opened in 2019, and more than 91,000 patients have cards to legally buy marijuana for medical conditions.

The legalization campaigns

have raised about \$23 million in the five states, with the vast majority in Arkansas and Missouri. More than 85% of contributions in those two states have come from donors associated with companies hold-

ing medical marijuana licenses, according to an Associated Press analysis of the most recent campaign finance reports.

The initiative has drawn the criticism of traditional legalization opponents as well as some medical marijuana advocates, who say the Arkansas proposal places too many limits and would only benefit a handful of dispensaries.

Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson, a former head of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, has also opposed the measure. Missouri's proposal would legalize recreational marijuana for adults 21 and older and expunge records of past arrests and convictions for nonviolent marijuana offenses, except for selling to minors or driving under the influence. Maryland's proposal would also make changes in criminal law and create automatic expungements of past marijuana possession convictions. □

Winter storm brings rain, snow and flood fears to California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A major winter storm pounded California on Tuesday, bringing rain and snow to the drought-stricken state along with possible flash flooding in areas recently scarred by wildfires, meteorologists said.

The storm is predicted to

last into midweek. It arrived Monday, bringing hopes that the precipitation could blunt an already moderate wildfire season in California.

But in some areas, the rain posed its own problems. The city of Duarte, in the Southern California

foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, issued mandatory evacuation orders late Monday night for about 25 homes in the Fish Fire burn scar area.

Other evacuation orders are in place through Wednesday morning for canyon areas in the Santa Ana Mountains' Bond Fire burn scar.

In Northern California, meteorologists issued a flash flood watch through 5 p.m. Tuesday, warning that heavy rainfall could lead to debris flows and flash flooding in the burn scars of the Colorado and River wildfires.

National Weather Service meteorologists expect between 1 and 3 inches (2.54 and 7.62 centimeters) of rainfall through Wednesday in the Los Angeles area's coast and valleys. The foothills and mountains could see up to 5 inches (12.70 centimeters). □



In this image taken from video from a Caltrans remote video traffic camera, traffic moves slowly through the snowy conditions along Interstate 80 near Truckee, Calif., Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. A major winter storm pounded California on Tuesday, bringing rain and snow to the drought-stricken state along with possible flash flooding in areas recently scarred by wildfires, meteorologists said.

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The Christian Flag is raised at City Hall Plaza in Boston, Aug. 3, 2022. The city of Boston has agreed to pay more than \$2.1 million to the Christian legal organization that backed a court challenge after the city refused to fly a Christian flag outside City Hall, a case that made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Boston pays out \$2.1M to settle Christian flag legal case

By **MARK PRATT** Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The city of Boston has agreed to pay more than \$2.1 million to the Christian legal organization that backed a court challenge after the city refused to fly a Christian flag outside City Hall, a case that made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The settlement announced Tuesday by Liberty Counsel covers attorneys' fees and other costs associated with the legal battle that started in 2017 when city resident Hal Shurtleff and his Camp Constitution group asked to hoist the flag on one of three poles on City Hall Plaza to mark Constitution Day. □

Discovery of bronzes rewrites Italy's Etruscan-Roman history

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italian authorities on Tuesday announced the extraordinary discovery of 2,000-year-old bronze statues in an ancient Tuscan thermal spring and said the find will "rewrite history" about the transition from the Etruscan civilization to the Roman Empire. The discovery, in the sacred baths of the San Casciano dei Bagni archaeological dig near Siena, is one of the most significant ever in the Mediterranean and certainly the most important since the 1972 underwater discovery of the famed Riace bronze warriors, said Massimo Osanna, the Culture Ministry's director of museums. Thanks to the mud that protected them, the two-dozen figurines and other bronze objects were found in a perfect state of conservation, bearing delicate facial features, inscriptions and rippled tunics. Alongside the figures were 5,000 coins in gold, silver and bronze, the ministry said. As evidence of the importance of the find, the ministry announced the con-



A statue is seen at the site of the discovery of two dozen well-preserved bronze statues from an ancient Tuscan thermal spring in San Casciano dei Bagni, central Italy, in this undated photo made available by the Italian Culture Ministry, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022.

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struction of a new museum in the area to house the antiquities.

Jacopo Tabolli, who coordinated the dig for the University for Foreigners in Siena, said the discovery was significant because it sheds new light on the end of the Etruscan civilization and the expansion of the Roman Empire in today's central Italy between the 2nd and 1st centuries B.C. The period was marked by wars and conflicts across

what is today's Tuscany, Umbria and Lazio regions, and yet, the bronze statues show evidence that Etruscan and Roman families prayed together to deities in the sacred sanctuary of the thermal springs. The statues, including depictions of Apollo and Igea, the ancient Greek god and goddess of health, bear both Etruscan and Latin inscriptions. Some of the two dozen bronzes are entire human-

like figures of deities, while others are of individual body parts and organs which would have been offered up as votive offerings to the gods for intervention for medical cures via the thermal waters, the ministry said in a statement.

"This is almost an X-ray of the human insides from the lungs to the intestines," said Osanna, gesturing to a lung at the restoration laboratory where the bronzes are being treated. "There are



Archaeologists work at the site of the discovery of two dozen well-preserved bronze statues from an ancient Tuscan thermal spring in San Casciano dei Bagni, central Italy, in this update photo made available by the Italian Culture Ministry, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022.

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ears and other anatomical parts like hands. So, all these things that curative waters and the intervention of the divinities would have been able to save."

The find represents the largest deposit of bronzes from this era in Italy, notable also because most surviving antiquities from the period are primarily in terracotta, the ministry said.

"It's a discovery that will rewrite history," Tabolli said in a statement. □

Residents clash with Chinese authorities over COVID rules

BEIJING (AP) — Police in northeastern China said that seven people have been arrested following a clash between residents and authorities enforcing COVID-19 quarantine restrictions.

The violence comes as China reports new cases nationwide, with 2,230 cases reported Tuesday in the southern manufacturing and technology hub of Guangzhou.

While the numbers remain relatively low, China has relentlessly pursued its strict "zero-COVID" policy of quarantines, lockdowns and daily or near-daily compulsory testing.

A news release from the police department in the Shandong city of Linyi said public security would take strong measures against those who "illegally violated the legal rights of personal

protection of citizens."

Anti-pandemic measures have prompted backlashes across the country, forming a rarely seen challenge to Communist Party authority. It wasn't immediately clear who was arrested after the clash. News of the arrests appeared on social media Tuesday morning, but were erased by the country's censors before noon.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping has made "zero-COVID" a hallmark of his administration, which gained a boost last month after he was granted a third five-year term in power and promoted loyalists to top positions. Those include the former party leader of Shanghai, where a draconian lockdown over the summer led to food shortages, confrontations with authorities and severe disruptions to global supply chains that

have grown dependent on Chinese manufacturing and shipping. While the rest of the world has mostly opened up, China has taken only highly cautious minor steps, with its borders still largely closed and officials under heavy pressure to enforce restrictions.

China reported its trade shrank in October as global demand weakened and anti-virus controls weighed on domestic consumer spending. Exports declined 0.3% from a year earlier, down from September's 5.7% growth, the customs agency reported Monday. Imports fell 0.7%, compared with the previous month's 0.3% expansion.

Speculation about a possible relaxation of "zero-COVID" roiled markets, but the government has kept its plans, including the possibility of importing foreign

vaccines, a closely held secret.

Last week, access to the industrial zone where a factory that manufactures Apple iPhones is located was suspended for one week following a surge in infections in Zhengzhou and the

departure of workers from the factory. Many climbed fences and walked along highways to avoid being placed in quarantine centers where food, sanitation and privacy standards have been heavily criticized. □



People use their smartphones to scan the health check QR codes before getting their routine COVID-19 throat swabs at a coronavirus testing site in Beijing, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. Police in northeastern China say seven people have been arrested following a clash between residents and authorities enforcing COVID-19 quarantine restrictions.

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18-carat pink diamond reaps \$28.8 million at Geneva auction

GENEVA (AP) — A pear-shaped 18-carat pink diamond billed as a rarity sold at a Geneva auction for 28.4 million Swiss francs (\$28.8 million), including fees and taxes, on the lower end of the expected range.

The "Fortune Pink" fancy vivid pink stone, said to be the largest of its kind and shape to go on the block, headlined Christie's latest Geneva sale of jewelry. It had been expected to fetch between \$25 million and \$35 million.

The auction house said an unidentified Asian buyer snapped up the diamond.

Max Fawcett, head of Christie's jewelry department in Geneva, said the stone with a strong, saturated pink color was mined in Brazil more than 15 years ago. He declined to identify its owner, but described the diamond as "a true miracle of nature."

Christie's says the first pink



A Christie's employee displays a pink diamond called "The Fortune Pink" of 18.18 carat, during a preview at Christie's, in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022. The pear-shaped 18-carat pink diamond is set to be sold at auction on Tuesday and is expected to fetch between \$25 million and \$35 million.

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diamonds ever recorded were found in India's Golconda mines in the 16th century, before others

turned up over the centuries in places like Africa, Australia, Brazil and Russia. The pink stone's auction fol-

lowed a showroom tour in New York, Shanghai, Singapore and Taiwan before its arrival in Geneva.

Managing director Tobias Kormind of 77 Diamonds, an online diamond jeweler, called the sale price disappointing.

"The extraordinary Fortune Pink diamond sold in Geneva, with its auspicious 18.18 carat weight, which signifies prosperity in Asia, sadly didn't bring the luck or uplift in fortunes many had hoped for," he said.

He suggested the result could be reflection of a "shaky global economy" and other financial factors, which have been "giving rise to worries creeping in, even among the top echelon of wealthy buyers."

The auction comes six months after Christie's sold "The Rock" a 228-carat egg-sized white diamond billed as the largest of its kind to go up for auction for more than \$21.75 million, including fees.

That was also at the low end of the expected range. □

Dutch PM meets lawmakers amid govt tensions over migration

By MIKE CORDER
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte met with lawmakers from his party Tuesday to discuss their concerns about the rising numbers of migrants seeking asylum in the Netherlands, amid tensions within his four-party coalition about how to tackle the issue. The meeting followed the refusal of lawmakers in Rutte's center-right People's Party for Freedom and Democracy to support legislation that could compel municipalities to offer accommodation to asylum-seekers. The party's opposition put it at odds with the three other parties in the coalition.

After the meeting, the leader of the party's lawmakers, Sophie Hermans, said the party would support the legislation. But she said migration "is a much



Netherlands' Prime Minister Mark Rutte speaks with the media as he arrives for an EU summit in Brussels, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022.

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bigger question it's also about arrivals, it's about ensuring that people who aren't entitled to be here leave the country."

The growing number of arrivals has led to hundreds of migrants being forced to sleep outdoors in unsanitary conditions outside an overcrowded reception center for asylum-seekers in the northern Netherlands last summer. □

Spanish minister under growing pressure over border deaths

By RENATA BRITO
Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)

— Spain's interior minister is coming under increased pressure to be more transparent about how Spanish security forces responded to a June storming of its border with Morocco that led to the deaths of at least 23 migrants in the North African enclave of Melilla.

Spanish members of parliament across the political spectrum are pushing for the opening of a parliamentary investigation, with some calling for Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska's resignation.

The actions of Spanish authorities in Melilla on June 24 have been brought back to the spotlight following a report by BBC Africa Eye, an investigative program of the British public broadcaster, that claims the lifeless bodies of migrants were dragged from the Spanish-controlled territory of Melilla to Morocco. Grande-Marlaska has also

been accused of withholding evidence, namely security footage, from investigators. New video of the border clash that leaked and was published Tuesday in Spanish media showed hundreds of men storming into a border post from the Moroccan side.

At some point inside the gated area between the two countries, the crowd funnels as it tries to pass through to Spanish soil, causing a stampede.

Among the migrants were many refugees from Sudan, according to human rights activists and interviews in Spanish media. "(Grande-) Marlaska must appear and stop denying the evidence, as he has done in the past four months," said Jon Iñarritu, a hard-left lawmaker from the Basque region who visited Melilla with a parliamentary committee and had access to some of the footage previously withheld. □



Riot police officers cordon off the area after migrants arrive on Spanish soil and crossing the fences separating the Spanish enclave of Melilla from Morocco, in Melilla, Spain, June 24, 2022. Spain's interior minister, Fernando Grande-Marlaska, is coming under increased pressure to be more transparent about how Spanish security forces responded to a June incident at its border with Morocco that led to the deaths of at least 23 migrants in the North African enclave of Melilla.

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Italian EV startup takes on US, Chinese rivals with design

By COLLEEN BARRY

AP Business Writer

MILAN (AP) — Elon Musk's Tesla paved the way nearly two decades ago. Now, the global transition to fully electric vehicles is littered with startups, inspired by a new era in mobility and drawn by the lower cost of building EVs compared with their fossil-fuel-guzzling forebears.

Gone are the billion-dollar investments that have made legacy auto-making into such a cash cow. Suppliers offer ready-made generic electric platforms and manufacturers can take on contracts for assembly approaches that translate into savings on jobs and infrastructure.

What has been missing in the new EV formula, according to a Milan-based startup, AEHRA, is a fresh design concept.

"Electric vehicles are looked at as being boring by the general public," AEHRA CEO Hazim Nada said.

"It is very easy to build an extremely powerful electric vehicle. It is not so easy to build an electric vehicle that has character. And I think that's one of the elements that Italian-ness has to express."

Nada has hired a former Lamborghini designer to help infuse his vehicles with Italian emotion and is emphasizing aerodynamics over performance.

But the company wants to enter an increasingly crowded market of EV startups and traditional carmakers that are being pushed to tackle car emissions that contribute to climate change.

Some startups have had little success.

AEHRA doesn't plan to launch its first vehicles an SUV and a sedan until mid-2025, with annual production starting at 20,000 to 25,000 vehicles. The ultra-premium cars also plan to come with a price tag to match \$160,000 to \$180,000.

They are expected to roll out first in the United States and key European markets before expanding to



A photo assistant prepares lighting for a photo shoot of the AeHra new electric vehicle in Milan, Italy, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022. Tesla paved the way nearly two decades ago. Now the road to full-electric vehicle transition is littered with startups, inspired by a new era in mobility, and drawn by the lower cost of building EVs compared with their fossil-fuel guzzling forebears.

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China. That would follow an initial production investment of 700 million euros (dollars).

Nada earned most of the startup money trading crude oil in London and honed his passion for aerodynamics building the world's largest vertical wind tunnel, AeroGravity, an attraction north of Milan that allows anyone to experience freefalling.

While AEHRA's cars are for a wealthy demographic as inflation bites the middle class and low-income earners, battery-powered vehicles generally have gained broader consumer acceptance and governments are nudging automakers away from internal combustion engines.

U.S. asset management and research firm Bernstein predicts one-quarter of all cars sold by 2025 will be battery electric or plug-in hybrids, doubling by 2030. It cites ambitious rollout schedules and regulatory support.

The European Union is banning sales of new fossil fuel-burning cars by 2035, giving rise to new players with lower startup costs while potentially penalizing legacy carmakers that have invested billions in hybrids as bridge technologies.

Battery electric vehicles recorded the strongest growth of all fuel types in the third quarter, up 22% to over 259,000 units, according to the European Automotive Manufacturers Association.

That accounts for a 12% market share.

The U.S. market share is slimmer, at around 6%, but Bernstein expects that to accelerate significantly with U.S. policies like tighter fuel efficiency standards.

As interest grows, dozens of new startups are entering a crowded market alongside pioneer Tesla and traditional carmakers, some with a century-long track records. The U.S. alone has 417 EV startups, according to research by Bernstein, some of them providing cautionary tales.

California-based Faraday Future has invested billions in an electric car it has yet to build. Others, like Lucid or Rivian, which have gotten into production, have struggled to get components due to global supply chain shortages, said Sam Abuelsamid, principal e-mobility analyst at Guidehouse Insights.

At the same time, Chinese manufacturers are making inroads in Europe, with an eye on the U.S. market.

service centers, Nada said. Design is where AEHRA hopes to grab market attention moving away from the architecture of an internal combustion engine that Nada said has been conditioned by thermal management.

The AEHRA vehicle body is moving away from edges that have defined the muscularity of supercars in recent years and is returning to a gentler line reminiscent of pre-war car design.

This aesthetic shift improves the car's aerodynamics, which will help extend range, according to AEHRA chief design officer Filippo Perini.

Reconstructing the classic internal architecture will create more cabin space for passenger comfort, he added.


Nada is convinced that young consumers are not so attached to their previous generations' nameplates and will be willing to buy a car from a new player that offers an emotional change.

"We're not in the market of Ferrari, we're not in the market of Lambo," he said. "Our vehicles are not the same segment of Tesla. We think we can coexist." □




The AeHra new electric vehicle is lit on a set for a photo shoot in Milan, Italy, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022. Tesla paved the way nearly two decades ago. Now the road to full-electric vehicle transition is littered with startups, inspired by a new era in mobility, and drawn by the lower cost of building EVs compared with their fossil-fuel guzzling forebears.

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Company in the West Dutch Caribbean Region Rotates

In a short military ceremony, Company in the West rotation 40 handed over its duties to the next unit, rotation 41. Through the traditional paddle transfer, the new commander Captain Martijn Huis in 't Veld released his predecessor Major Rian van der Meer. Rotation 41 will stay in the Caribbean Region during four months. This company, the Alfa 'Java'-company, is no stranger in the region. During 2017 she also had the task as Army Company in the Caribbean Region. They then provided assistance on Saint Marten, before, during and after hurricane Irma.

Mayor van der Meer looks back on



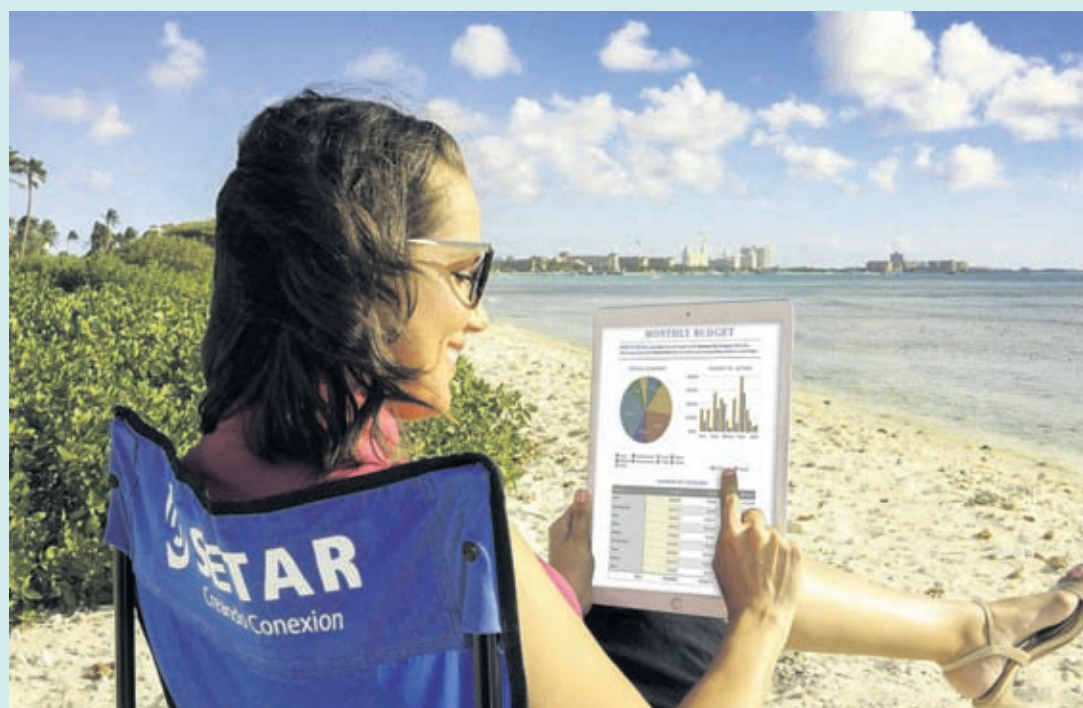
a special period of time: "We had a fantastic time here as a unit. We were able to do what we came for and felt very welcome in this special part of our Kingdom."

In addition to training, the departing unit has also provided a number of supports to local authorities in recent months. Supporting civil authorities is one of the main tasks for the Ministry of Defence in the Caribbean Region. Captain Huis in 't Veld anticipates being able to train with his soldiers in the Caribbean Region: "The 'Java' Company is honored to, once again, be a guest in Curaçao. We are looking forward, to be able with our 'Can

Do'-mentality, to provide support and assistance wherever necessary. Moreover we shall make good use of our period in Curaçao to train so that we remain ready for whatever deployment in the coming years.

CidW 41 proceeds from 12 Infantry Battalion Regiment van Heutsz, a unit of 11 Airmobile Brigade. The Company in the West (CidW) is a permanent unit from the Royal Land forces in the Dutch Caribbean Region, which can be used for a variety of tasks. It is the intention that they will be training during the forthcoming 4 months, in Aruba as well as in Bonaire and Curaçao. □

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The 13th Dutch-Antillean-South American (DAS) Clinic of Rheumatology and Internal Medicine held in Aruba



Recently Horacio Oduber Hospital (HOH) hosted the 13th Dutch-Antillean-South American (DAS) Clinic of Rheumatology and Internal Medicine in Aruba. This is the first time that the program had a duration of 3 days fully packed with speakers and important information which was relevant to the participants. This symposium started first

in Suriname and afterwards they held it in Aruba and Curacao as well. This is an annual event for all the family doctors, specialists, practice nurses, specialist nurses in order to maintain themselves up to date. By attending this clinic they will also receive their accreditation.

During this year DAS Clinic

they had different speakers with a wide variety of topics; they had speakers from Corsou, Sint Maarten, Surinam including local speakers from Aruba.

Each day had a different focus like Nervous and Muscle Breakdown, Rheumatologic, as well as Kidney disease, high pressure and much more. On the third day they focused on geriatric abnormalities.

Specialists of HOH, Dr. Waterloo, Dr. Rodenburg y Dr. Rellum together with specialists Reumatologo van Vugt of Amsterdam UMC Holland took care of the organization of the event. Participants that couldn't attend in person had the option to participate virtually.

According to Dr. Waterloo

who was part of the team of DAS Clinic, the registration was a full success as

they had to close the registration as it was fully SOLD OUT. □



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Aruba's donkey "our burico"

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Etnia Nativa through Island Insight shares native cultural awareness educates and safeguards Aruba's heritage and encourage readers to experiment an island keeper state of mind. Live and discover true destination values behind our beaches and commercial entertainment offerings.

In this episode we want to raise awareness about the "Burico" because if there is an animal that has been mistreated forever are them. Donkeys (*Equus asinus*) are not native to Aruba and arose from the domestication of the North African wild ass (*Equus africanus*) more than 10,000 years ago -practically at the same time as the Eurasia horses- since then they have been used as pack animals, mount and why not say it for ridicule!

The first ones to catch the wild ass were the Egyptians, for them the donkey represented ignorance to which they alluded by putting an elaborate "donkey's head" on those who, due to their ignorance, deserved it, as they also considered donkey's as a symbol of strong winds and bad omens and was usually mistreated.

During the Roman Empire the donkey was not only considered bad luck but there was also a fable about the god Jupiter, who had sent mortals on donkey back "the treasure of eternal youth" However the long journey tired the donkey and took the chance to stop to drink some water from out a fountain nearby where a snake was enjoying the freshness of the water. By seeing the it said, "Donkey give me that what you are carrying on your back and I will let can drink of my fountain! So the firsty and tiered donkey did not hesitate to exchanged the treasurehe of eternal youth it was carrying for a few "sips" of fresh water. From that moment on, snakes obtained the privilege of changing their skin, thus recovering the freshness of youth by shedding it old skin, while we mortals age.

Getting a little closer in history approximately the year 1000 B.C. the donkey became the common means of transport in Egypt, Asia and Europe from where they brought to America. Thus our "buricos" friends arrived through with the Spanish on "The happy island" provid-

Our burico at the North coast



ing our forefathers with the main means of transportation. Donkeys also beame a commodity, since having many donkey's ment that they could be used as exchange measure because money was scarce, so the fortune of a person in particular, farmers and merchants could be parcialy mesured according to the amounth of "buricos" during Aruba's colonial era.

With the arrival of the automobil our friend the donkey was slowly but surly discarted for its once great preformance and peace full and careless cucuco life at home. Some were let loose others escaped their owners, formed separate paks, reproduced, roamed the Nortern coastal ares of the island freely. However the ocational suffering did not end right away. Many where killed by cars during darker hours others where pisoned since they created havoc when entering plantations and

private gardens of residential ares, eating everything, tumbeling gabage canisters etc. Others ran the bad luck to be caught sold as meat for tiger and lions when an ocational circus visited the "happy island" . Many where also killed by dogs and other accidents. Visiting children having fun with the Buricos at the Donkey Sanctuary

Finally and fortunately in 1997, "Stichting Salba Nos Burico" was founded, aka "Save Our Donkeys Foundation" thus emerging a place where injured or displaced donkeys where received with open arms and a big lovely heart Years later it began to be known as the Donkeys' Sanctuary a place where they are taken care of and where they can enjoy the affection and love of those who visit this sanctuary on a daily basis. If you love Aruba, its origins and it's cultural heritage we encourage you to do something different outside the tourist grid. Become one of the exclusive and limited visitors of Etnia Nativa a private residential set up where you will be able to touch and be touched by authentic Aruba, admiring native art collections, archaic as well as archaeological artifacts, colonial furniture and items you'll enjoy inside a recycled enviroment fully of peace and relaxation.



Visiting children having fun with the Buricos at the Donkey Sanctuary

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Crypto exchange Binance to buy rival FTX in apparent bailout

By KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The cryptocurrency exchange Binance said it plans to buy its rival FTX Trading, in what appears to be a bailout of FTX.

The owners of the two exchanges — Samuel Bankman-Fried of FTX and Changpeng Zhao of Binance — announced the deal on Twitter, but did not disclose any details. The deal was pending due diligence, Zhao said on Twitter. "This afternoon, FTX asked for our help. There is a significant liquidity crunch," Zhao said on Twitter. "To protect users, we signed a non-binding (letter of intent), intending to fully acquire FTX and help

cover the liquidity crunch." The deal would make Binance, which is already the biggest cryptocurrency exchange by daily volume, an even more dominant player in the cryptocurrency industry. FTX was the third largest exchange as of this week.

FTX is the latest cryptocurrency company this year to come under financial pressure as crypto assets such as bitcoin and ethereum have collapsed in value. Binance said this weekend it planned to sell a portion of FTX's own cryptocurrency known as FTT on concerns that the company was illiquid.

Much of the concerns about FTX lay in its exposure to FTT. Bankman-Fried's

trading company Alameda Research was heavily exposed to FTT tokens, and those tokens were largely not trading as of this week-end. On Tuesday morning, cryptocurrency investors said they were having trouble withdrawing money from FTX as well. The value of FTT plunged overnight only to stabilize after the deal was announced.

Other major cryptocurrencies were higher after the deal was announced as well, with Bitcoin rising 5%. Bankman-Fried, better known by his initials SBF, was considered a savior of the crypto industry earlier this year after pledging to buy certain crypto assets to shore up the balance sheets of other failing cryp-



Binance CEO Changpeng Zhao answers a question during a Zoom meeting interview with The Associated Press on Nov. 16, 2021. The cryptocurrency exchange Binance said it plans to buy its rival FTX Trading, in what appears to be a bailout of FTX.

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to companies. That included companies like Voyager Digital, which failed after owning a stake in the failed stable coin Terra.

Bankman-Fried also pur-

chased a stake in the online trading platform Robinhood after that company's shares plunged as revenue dropped and it lost money. □

Germany may block sale of chip factory to Chinese-owned firm



A winged 'Elmos rhinoceros' stands in front of the chip factory Elmos Semiconductor SE offices in Dortmund, Germany, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. Germany company Elmos said it had been informed by the Economy Ministry that the sale of its factory in Dortmund to Silex Microsystems AB 'will most likely be prohibited' by the German Government.

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BERLIN (AP) — The German government may decide this week to block the sale of a chip factory to a Swedish subsidiary of a Chinese company, following a recent compromise over a Chinese shipping firm's investment in a German container terminal.

German company Elmos said late Monday that it was informed by the Economy Ministry that the sale of its factory in Dortmund to Silex Microsystems AB "will most likely be prohibited in the upcoming cabinet session." The ministry previously "had indicated to the parties that the transaction most likely will be approved," Elmos added.

Silex is owned by Sai Microelectronics of China, according to German media. The planned 85 million-euro (dollar) sale was announced in December.

The change comes as Germany struggles with the extent it should allow Chinese companies to invest in Europe's biggest economy. The Cabinet, which will hold its weekly meeting Wednesday, reached a compromise late last month after officials argued over whether to allow China's COSCO to take a 35% stake in a container terminal at the Hamburg port.

Members of two junior parties in the governing co-

alition opposed that deal while Chancellor Olaf Scholz, a former Hamburg mayor, downplayed its significance.

COSCO was cleared to take a stake below 25%, with a threshold above that allowing an investor can block a company's decisions.

Scholz traveled to Beijing last week, becoming the first leader from the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations to meet President Xi Jinping since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The visit, coming shortly after Xi further cemented his authoritarian rule at home, drew some criticism at home. □

Kohl's CEO steps down to take president role at Levi Strauss

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Michelle Gass, CEO of department store chain Kohl's, is stepping down from her role early next month and will become the president of denim giant Levi Strauss & Co.

Levi's said Tuesday in a release that Gass will start on Jan. 2, and the board of

directors has put in motion a succession plan for her to succeed Chip Bergh as president and CEO in the next 18 months. She is expected to join the board of directors on that date. Gass, who joined Kohl's in June 2013 as chief merchandising and customer officer, became CEO in May 2018.

Bergh joined Levi Strauss's

helm in September 2011, having served in top roles at Procter & Gamble during his 21-year tenure. The moves come as Kohl's have been under pressure by activist investors to shake up management amid weak sales.

Kohl's announced preliminary figures for its third-quarter period. It said that same-store sales will be



A pair of shoppers arrive at a Kohl's, Nov. 26, 2021, in Everett, Mass. Michelle Gass, CEO of department store chain Kohl's, is stepping down from her role early next month and will become the president of denim giant Levi Strauss & Co. Levi's said Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, in a release that Gass will start on Jan. 2, and the board of directors has put in motion a succession plan for her to succeed Chip Bergh as president and CEO in the next 18 months.

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down 6.9%, while net sales will be down 7.2 % compared to the year-ago

period. The company is expected to release its results on Nov. 17. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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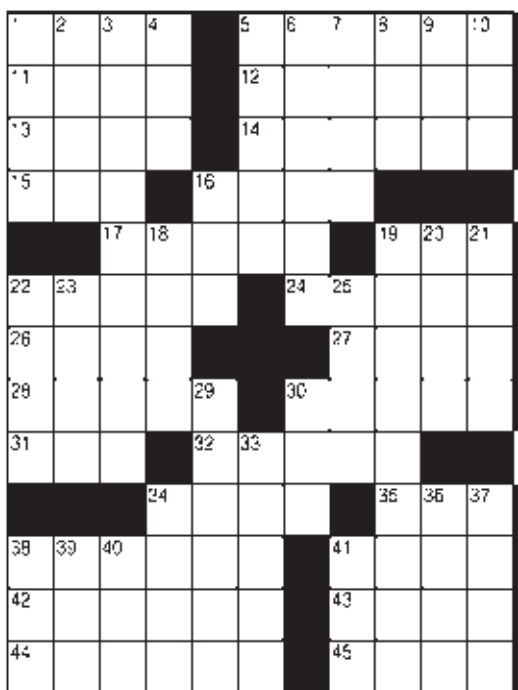
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE CURE FOR ANYTHING IS SALT WATER: SWEAT, TEARS OR THE SEA. — ISAK DINESEN

Nintendo's profit climbs on Switch machine, software sales

By YURI KAGEYAMA AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese video game maker Nintendo recorded a 34% surge in its profit in the first half of the fiscal year on strong sales of products for its Switch console like "Splatoon 3," a paint-shooting game, the company said Tuesday. That prompted the maker of Pokemon and Super Mario games to raise its profit forecast for the April-March fiscal year to 400 billion yen (\$2.7 billion), from an earlier projection for a 340 billion yen (\$2.3 billion) profit. Even the better forecast is below what Nintendo earned in the last fiscal year, at 477.7 billion yen. Entertainment companies got a boost from the pandemic because people tended to stay home more, instead of going out. That advantage is likely to wear off as coronavirus restrictions ease. Japanese ex-



A man walks an advertisement of Nintendo Switch at an electronics retail chain store in Tokyo on Oct. 13, 2021. Japanese video game maker Nintendo recorded a 34% surge in fiscal first half profits Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, as products for its Switch console like "Splatoon 3," a paint-shooting game, sold well.

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porters like Nintendo are also getting a boost from a weaker yen, which lifts the value of their overseas earnings when translated into yen. The U.S. dollar, trading at about 110 Japanese yen a year ago, is now at nearly 150 yen. Net profit at Kyoto-based

Nintendo Co. totaled 230.45 billion yen (\$1.6 billion) during the six months through September, up from 171.8 billion yen the previous year. First-half sales totaled 656.97 billion yen (\$4.5 billion), up 5% from 624.3 billion yen. □

Adidas appoints boss of rival Puma as CEO after Ye fallout



A sign is displayed in front of an Adidas retail store in Paramus, N.J., Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022. Adidas has ended its partnership with the rapper formerly known as Kanye West over his offensive and antisemitic remarks, the latest company to cut ties with Ye and a decision that the German sportswear company said would hit its bottom line.

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BERLIN (AP) — Adidas has appointed Björn Gulden, the CEO of rival Puma, as its new chief executive, and he will take over the German sportswear brand in January as the company weathers the fallout from its split with the rapper formerly known as Kanye West. Gulden will replace Kasper Rorsted, Adidas' CEO since 2016, whose departure was announced in August. Adidas said at the time that Rorsted would hand over during the course of next year but said on Tuesday that he and the supervisory board "mutually agreed" that he will step down and leave the company Friday. Chief Financial Officer Harm Ohlmeyer will head Adidas until the end of the year. He takes the helm temporarily after the company ended a partnership with Ye late last month amid mounting outcry over the rapper's offensive and antisemitic remarks. □

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T rex skull unearthed in South Dakota to be auctioned in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — A Ty-
rannosaurus rex skull un-
earthed in South Dakota
is expected to sell for \$15
million or more at auction
in New York next month,
officials with Sotheby's said
Tuesday. The 200-pound
(91-kilogram) skull fossil,
nicknamed Maximus, is be-
ing sold Dec. 9 by an own-
er who wishes to remain
anonymous, the auction
house said. The skull was
excavated in 2020 and
2021 in Harding County,
South Dakota, where other
T. rex skeletons like Sue and
Stan were found, accord-
ing to Cassandra Hatton,
Sotheby's head of science
and popular culture. She
called the area "the world
capital for T. rexes."
Most of the rest of this T. rex's
remains were destroyed



Cassandra Hatton, senior vice president, global head of department, Science & Popular Culture at Sotheby's, touches the tooth of a Tyrannosaurus rex skull excavated from Harding County, South Dakota, in 2020-2021, in New York City on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. When auctioned in December, the auction house expects the dinosaur skull to sell for \$15 to \$25 million.

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over time by erosion, but
Sotheby's experts said the
skull was a major find. Hat-
ton noted, "When you think
about it, more people can
fit a skull in their home than
people who could fit a full
dinosaur."

The 6 1/2-foot (2-meter)
fossil is about 76 million
years old and still has most
of the external skull bones
and numerous teeth, So-
theby's experts said.
Hatton said two large
puncture holes in the skull

are evidence of a big fight,
probably with another T.
rex. "We don't know that
this is what caused the
death of this animal, but
we can tell that it did have
a major battle during its
lifetime," she said.

Marks on the skull are inter-
esting to study "because
they give us an idea about
what life was like during
the Cretaceous period,"
Hatton said.

This specimen may not be
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'Black Panther' cast pushes Wakanda forward after Boseman

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Letitia Wright hit the Marvel Cinematic Universe scene as King T'Challa's joyfully witty younger sister in 2018's blockbuster "Black Panther." But in the new sequel, the actor's usual easygoing character delivers a more serious tone while dealing with grief.

Wright's character takes center stage as Shuri who ventures into womanhood after the death of T'Challa. She'll be looked upon to take the iconic Black Panther mantle in "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," which releases in theaters Friday. Chadwick Boseman, who played T'Challa died in August 2020.

In between "Panther" films, Wright took on a few movie projects that exercised her dramatic acting chops.

"I always try to do things that are outside the box and what people wouldn't expect," said Wright, who starred in dramas "The Silent Twins" and "Aisha." She also stars in "Surrounded," which releases next year. The actor said each of those projects challenged



Letitia Wright poses for photographers upon arrival for the premiere of the film 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' in London, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022.

her enough to "stretch me as an artist."

Wright credits director Ryan Coogler for ushering Shuri's maturation along in his rewritten script following Boseman's unexpected death from colon cancer. The director carried an even heavier burden to deliver a strong script especially after "Black Panther" broke box office records,

earned \$700 million domestically during its theatrical run and became the first superhero film nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards.

For the "Black Panther" follow, Coogler had developed a screenplay centered around T'Challa grieving lost time following Thanos' snap in "Avengers: Infinity War," which

caused a five-year "blip." But after Boseman's death, Coogler and filmmaker Joe Robert Cole went back to the drawing board. They worked up a script that delved more into the concept of Wakanda's grief in the wake of T'Challa's death.

Coogler said Boseman's family signed off on his character's "respectful" death in

"Wakanda Forever." In the new film, the Wakandans are put in a peculiar spot to protect their nation without T'Challa against a new nemesis, Namor, a sub-marine Talocan leader who has extraordinary mutant-like abilities and can fly with the aid of tiny wings on his ankles. Namor is played by Tenoch Huerta.

Wright and Nyong'o said they used their grief over Boseman to fuel their performances, while Coogler said his mournful remembrance of the late actor helped motivate him through his writing and directing process. The director said several photos of Boseman were posted on set, and a prop master put inside Coogler's trailer a shield and spear that T'Challa held during a duel with Michael B. Jordan's Killmonger at Warrior Falls in "Black Panther." Before filming the project, the entire cast including the newcomers visited Boseman's burial site. It turned into a bonding moment. The cast leaned on each other during the filming process, which had several setbacks and obstacles. □

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Chris Evans named Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Evans may have put down Captain America's shield but he's got a new badge

of honor: he's been named People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive.

People's selection was an-

nounced Monday night on Stephen Colbert's late night show and on the magazine's website. Evans, who for nearly a decade played Captain America in Marvel's sprawling superhero films, takes the baton from another Avenger, Paul Rudd.

"My mom will be so happy," he told the magazine for its cover story, which hits newsstands on Friday. "She's proud of everything I do but this is something she can really brag about."

He also knows that he's likely to be teased by close friends. "Really this will just be a point of bullying," he joked in an interview. "It's ripe for harassment."

Among those likely to heckle him are co-stars and previous Sexiest Man Alive winners like Rudd, Ryan Reynolds and Chris Hemsworth.

(Hemsworth, who plays Thor in the Marvel films, was the first Avenger to win People's annual honor, which was first handed out to Mel Gibson in 1985.)

Other past honorees include John Legend, Dwayne Johnson, Idris Elba, Adam Levine, Richard Gere, Channing Tatum and David Beckham.

People interviewed Evans, 41, at a Georgia farmhouse, where the actor talked about finding a better work-life balance. "The most enjoyable aspect of my career right now is feeling secure enough to take my foot off the gas," he said. Evans' first film role came in 2000's "The New Comers" and he played superhero Johnny Storm in two "Fantastic Four" films released in 2005 and 2007. But he gained widespread

fame in 2011 with the release of "Captain America: The First Avenger."

Since then, he's played the wholesome superhero in 10 Marvel films, laying down his shield after saving the universe in "Avengers: Endgame" in 2019.

Evans has become a highly bankable star, voicing the Buzz Lightyear character in Pixar's "Lightyear" film and playing a sadistic assassin trying to kill Reynolds in Netflix's "The Gray Man" both released this year.

The actor told People he's thinking about marriage and having a family, saying, "That's absolutely something I want."

He said he didn't expect to talk publicly much about his private life though. "Some things you want just for you, or just for my family and my friends." □



Chris Evans arrives at the premiere of "Avengers: Endgame" on April 22, 2019, in Los Angeles. The "Captain America" star has a new title — he's been named People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive. The selection was announced Monday night, Nov. 7, 2022, on Stephen Colbert's late night show and on the magazine's website.

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Ajla Tomljanovic of Australia returns a ball to Anna Karolina Schmiedlova of Slovakia during the first day match of the Billie Jean King Cup finals at Emirates Arena in Glasgow, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

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Australia beats Slovakia to open Billie Jean King Cup

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP)

— Australia took an unsailable 2-0 lead against Slovakia on Tuesday in the first match of the Billie Jean King Cup in a strong start to its bid for a first title in 48 years in the biggest team event in women's tennis. Storm Sanders and Ajla Tomljanovic claimed victories in singles to earn the Australians the win in Group B before the closing dou-

bles. Sanders beat Viktoria Kuzmova 6-4, 6-3, while Tomljanovic was a 6-1, 6-2 winner over Anna Karolina Schmiedlova in the Scottish city of Glasgow. Sanders was scheduled to return to the court to play doubles with Ellen Perez against Kuzmova and Tereza Mihalikova. Australia is a seven-time winner of the competition formerly known as the Fed

Cup. All of its titles came from 1964-74.

In the late match, host nation Britain takes on Kazakhstan.

There are 12 teams in the competition and they are split into four groups of three. Each match consists of two singles and a doubles. The group winners will advance to the semifinals on Saturday, with the final on Sunday. □

World Cup ambassador from Qatar denounces homosexuality



The 2022 Qatar World Cup logo is projected on the opera house of Algiers, Tuesday Sept. 3, 2019. An ambassador for the World Cup in Qatar has described homosexuality as a "damage in the mind" in an interview with German public broadcaster ZDF just two weeks before the opening of the global soccer tournament in the Gulf state.

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By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
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BERLIN (AP) — An ambassador for the World Cup in Qatar has described homosexuality as a "damage in the mind" in an interview with German public broadcaster ZDF only two weeks before the opening of the soccer tournament in the Gulf state, highlighting concerns about the conservative country's treatment of gays and lesbians.

Former Qatari national team player Khalid Salman told a German reporter in an interview that being gay is "haram," or forbidden in Arabic, and that he has a problem with children seeing gay people. Excerpts of the television interview were shown Monday on the ZDF news program Heute Journal. The full interview, which is part of a documentary, will be shown Tuesday on ZDF.

Germany's interior minister condemned Salman's remarks.

About 1.2 million international visitors are expected in Qatar for the tournament, which has faced criticism and skepticism ever since the gas-rich emirate was selected as host by FIFA in December 2010. Concerns about LGBTQ tourists attending the World Cup have also been expressed for a long time.

In the interview, Salman also said that homosexuality "is a spiritual harm."

"During the World Cup, many things will come here to the country. Let's talk about gays," Salman said in English, which is simultaneously dubbed into German in the TV segment. "The most important thing is, everybody will accept that they come here. But they will have to accept our rules."

The interview was cut short by a media officer of the World Cup organizing committee after Salman expressed his views on homosexuals, ZDF reported. Faeser, who is also responsible for sports, said when she visited Qatar a week ago that the country's

prime minister had given her a "safety guarantee" for fans "no matter where they come from, whom they love and what they believe in." Faeser said there has been no change to that stance from the prime minister, who is also Qatar's interior minister. She plans

to go ahead with a trip to Germany's opening World Cup match against Japan. Last month, Germany's ambassador to Qatar was summoned by the government there after Faeser appeared to criticize the country for its human rights record. □

This year's World Series is 2nd-least watched on TV

By RONALD BLUM AP Baseball Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Houston Astros' six-game victory over the Philadelphia Phillies finished as the second least-watched World Series on television. The six games averaged 11,784,000 on Fox, down 1.3% from the 11,940,000 for the Atlanta Braves' six-game win over the Astros last year and ahead of only the 9,946,000 for the Los Angeles Dodgers' six-game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays in 2020. Houston's 3-1 win in Game 6 on Saturday night was seen by 12,549,000 viewers on Fox, down 11% from 14,140,000 Atlanta's 7-0 victory over the Astros in last year's finale, played on a Tuesday night. Including Fox Deportes and streaming, this year's Game 6 was viewed by 12,871,000. Game 6 was played opposite several college football games, including Alabama-LSU on ESPN, Clemson-Notre Dame on NBC and Florida State-Mi-



The Houston Astros celebrate their 4-1 World Series win against the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 6 on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, in Houston.

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ami on ABC.

The Series finished with a 6.1 Nielsen rating and 17 share. The rating was the second-lowest behind the 5.2 for 2020, which had a 12 share. This year's share marked a 1% increase from last year.

Including Fox Deportes and streaming, this year's Series averaged 12,023,000 viewers.

Viewers peaked at 51,560,000 for Game 7 of the 1975 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and Cincinnati Reds.

Totals declined with the rise of cable television and then of streaming services, giving viewers more choices.

The Series had a 25.0 rating and a 52 share in Philadelphia and a 24.0/55 in Houston.

The rating is the percentage of television households tuned in to a broadcast.

The share is the percentage viewing a telecast among those households with TVs on at the time. □

Johnson returns 2 years after collapse as K-State romps

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Keyontae Johnson scored 13 points in his first real action since collapsing during a game nearly two years ago, and Kansas State opened the season under new coach Jerome Tang with a 93-59 romp over UT Rio Grande Valley on Monday night.

Nae'Qwan Tomlin and Markquis Nowell led the Wildcats with 14 points apiece.

Tang took over the Wildcats' program after serving as an assistant to Scott Drew at Baylor from 2003-22.

Johnson, the Southeastern Conference's preseason player of the year in 2020, transferred to Kansas State this summer after four years at Florida. He spent the past two recovering from a suspected heart condition that caused him to crash to the floor while coming out of a timeout during a game

in December 2020.

Johnson received medical clearance to play at Kansas State, something that wasn't going to happen at Florida.

Johnson spent most of the past two seasons cheering on teammates from the bench as he remained enrolled in school and on scholarship.

He did take the court for a ceremonial few dribbles and a farewell on senior night against Kentucky in March.

But he was full go Monday night and hit three 3-pointers in the lopsided opener.

Nowell sank all three of his 3s and added seven assists and four steals for the Wildcats, who made 12 of 27 from beyond the arc (44.4%).

Tomlin added a team-high eight rebounds.

Abayomi Iyiola finished with 12 points, while fellow reserves Ismael Massoud and



Kansas State forward Keyontae Johnson shoots under pressure from Texas-Rio Grande Valley forward John Shanu II, right, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, in Manhattan, Kan.

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Desi Sills scored 10 each. Justin Johnson totaled 20 points to lead the Vaqueros. Freshman Adante' Ho-

liman came off the bench to score 13. The Wildcats scored 31 points off 26 Vaquero turn-

overs. UTRGV struggled from 3-point range, making 4 of 15. □

Jazz roll past Lakers again, 139-116 with LeBron sitting



Utah Jazz's Lauri Markkanen (23) celebrates with Talen Horton-Tucker (0) after scoring against the Los Angeles Lakers during the second half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, in Salt Lake City.

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Lauri Markkanen scored 23 points, Jordan Clarkson added 22 and the Utah Jazz beat Los Angeles 139-116 on Monday night, their second victory over the short-handed Lakers in four days. Utah set season highs in points scored, field goals made, and field goal percentage. The Jazz made 53 field goals while shooting 56.4% from the field. They made 16 3-pointers en

route to scoring at least 130 points for the third time in 12 games. Seven Jazz players scored in double figures.

"We got literally like 12 guys that can go out there and cause a problem with mismatches or with their abilities on the court," point guard Mike Conley said.

LeBron James was sidelined along with Lonnie Walker IV and Patrick Beverley, leaving Los Angeles with only 11 available players.

Anthony Davis scored a season-high 29 points and

Russell Westbrook added 22 points off the bench as Los Angeles fell to 2-8.

"I don't want to be 2-8 at all," Davis said. "We got guys out ... you got to look at big picture as it's only been 10 games, but 2-8 is a hard pill to swallow."

Clarkson hit four three pointers the final one beating the buzzer to help Utah grab a 42-34 lead going into the second quarter. He totaled 15 points in the first quarter.

The Lakers trailed throughout the second quarter but made four straight baskets, highlighted by a pair of dunks from Davis, to cut the deficit to one at 67-66. Utah countered with three-point plays from Collin Sexton and Markkanen to keep Los Angeles from going in front before halftime.

When the shots didn't fall as easily in the second half, the Lakers were unable to keep up because they struggled to get stops with any meaningful consistency. "We want to change that tone, change that culture to be one of these physical teams where the

opposing team feels us," Los Angeles coach Darvin Ham said. The Jazz opened the third quarter on a 10-2 run to push its lead back to double digits. Utah made four straight baskets, punctuated by a 3-pointer from Conley that put the Jazz ahead 86-73.

Davis closed the gap to 92-85 with a three-point play. That's as close as the Lakers could get. The Jazz used a 16-5 run sparked by back-to-back Markkanen baskets to push their lead to 108-90 late in the third quarter.

"They're playing with a lot of passion and joy out there," Jazz coach Will Hardy said. "The ball's flying around and they're happy for each other. Everybody gets to touch it and nobody feels like they're not included in the game."

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The Lakers are a half-game ahead of last-place Houston in the Western Conference after 10 games. The Lakers yielded an average of 134.5 points in the two losses to the Jazz, who shot better than 50% in both games. □



Los Angeles Lakers' Anthony Davis, left, Russell Westbrook (0) and LeBron James sit on the bench near the end of the fourth quarter of the team's NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, in Salt Lake City.

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